

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Peter Van Horne, Keith Olson and Kevin Miller  
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AND METHOD  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**Petition To Accept An Unintentionally Delayed Claim Under 35 U.S.C. 120**  
**For The Benefit Of A Prior-Filed Application**

Sir:

Petition is hereby made for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 for the benefit of the following prior-filed applications:

1. US 09/289,199 and
2. US 08/919,397.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, this petition is accompanied by a supplemental application data sheet which includes the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120, as well as the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t).

Additionally, it is stated that the entire delay between the date that this claim for benefit of a prior-filed application was due until the present date was unintentional.

Favorable action on this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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